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**Automatic handling of payment by luncheon vouchers in restaurant**

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## Abstract of FR2722899 (A3)

The luncheon voucher is provided as a smart card, with an integrated circuit that can be loaded with a set value and simply debited each time the card is used. The card is initially loaded from a microcomputer (8) and passed to, for example, employees of a company either free of charge or in return for payment. The card is read by a reader (6) installed in the restaurant when it is used to purchase meals, and the data sent immediately by modem or daily by computer disc to the card issuer. The card issuer uses this data to send payment to the restaurant. The restaurant card reader is attached to a printer to allow a docket to be printed for the customer's records.

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